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Dr. James B. Rhoads
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Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Pursuant to Section 5(E) of Executive Order 11652, the Central Intelligence Agency has detailed three experienced officers to the task of conducting a systematic declassification review of those materials originated by the Agency's predecessor organization, the Office of Strategic Services, and now in the custody of the National Archives (NARS Record Group 226). They are currently in the process of developing a list identifying those records which require continued classification, indicating in each instance the reason why continued protection is deemed necessary. When completed, this list will be submitted to me for final determination and specification of the dates on which such material shall become declassified.

Declassification guidelines have been promulgated to assist the reviewing officers in fulfilling their responsibilities. Although formulated with Record Group 226 specifically in mind, the guidance is also generally applicable to related intelligence records of this Agency. The guidelines are forwarded herewith in the belief that they will prove of interest to the National Archives and of possible use in the broader context of the government-wide declassification program.

Sincerely,

18/10/8 Cally
for James R. Schlesinger
Director

Enclosure

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